GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:3
ANSWERED ON:26.02.2008
FREE EDUCATION TO SCHEDULED CASTE STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide free education for Scheduled Caste students upto Ph.D. in all Government and aided educational institutions in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) the extent to which the above proposal is likely to help those students in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a)to(c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.3 BY SHRI BADIGA RAMAKRISHNA AND SHRI K.J.S.P. REDDY,HON'BLE MPs REGARDING FREE EDUCATION TO SCHEDULED CASTE STUDENTS FOR 26.02. 2008

(a)&(b) The Sub-Group on "Education and Skill Development of the "Committee of Ministers on Dalit Affairs" (CMDA) has recommended, inter alia, that no fee should be charged from Scheduled Caste (SC) students in Government or Government aided institutions at any level right upto Ph.D. The CMDA has not yet finalized its recommendations.

(c) The Sub-Group's recommendation will contribute significantly in increasing the access of Scheduled Castes to education.